

2. In "Special" vacancies of teachers which are open only to members of backward communities, as among the candidates of such communities trained men will have preference over those who are untrained; but a Brahmin candidate should not be appointed in such special vacancies in preference to a non-Brahmin candidate on the ground that the former is trained and the latter is not.

N. RAMA RAO,
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FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Raising the limit of Combined Leave to eight months on the production of a Medical Certificate.

ORDER NO. FL. 5287-346—S. & A. 1-28-22, DATED 17TH JANUARY 1929.

The maximum period of furlough on average salary, and privilege leave, combined with such furlough now limited to six months, under Article 209A Clauses (iii) and (v), Mysore Service Regulations, when taken in India may be extended up to eight months, provided a medical certificate in the form prescribed in Chapter XXVI, Mysore Service Regulations, is produced in support of the application for the extension of leave.

2. Necessary Addenda and Corrigenda Slip to Mysore Service Regulations will issue separately.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR
*Secretary to Government,
Financial Department.*

Passes Orders about training Pandits in Agama Sastra.

ORDER NO. 1356-9—MUZ. 133-27-12, DATED 21ST JANUARY 1929.

There are a large number of Temples and Mutts in the State endowed with Government grants and Government in the Muzrai Department exercise supervision over them, and, in some cases, they have also to assume direct management of these institutions. It is necessary to adopt measures for preserving the methods of worship and conducting other religious ceremonies, as laid down in the Agama Sastras and as authorised by tradition.

2. The existing arrangements for the training of students in Agama Sastras and for consultation in matters relating to methods of worship in temples is by no means satisfactory.

3. There are at present six appointments for teaching Agama Sastras in the Sanskrit College, Mysore—three on Rs. 25—3—40 each, three on Rs. 20—1—2 each, and two Pandits in the Muzrai Commissioner's Office on Rs. 30—2—50 each. There is not full work for the men employed in the Muzrai Commissioner's Office and it is difficult also to obtain the services of men possessing the required qualifications for holding offices of Agamiks. In the Sanskrit College at Mysore, no teacher has been appointed for Saivagama for want of a competent person, and there are now only two teachers and one of even these two, is only a senior student. Five out of the six posts in the College are therefore vacant, due to the fact that qualified persons are not available and the pay allowed is also poor.

4. It is necessary, in the circumstances stated above to arrange for having well qualified staff in the College for teaching all the three systems—Saiva, Vaikhanasa and Pancharatra. No persons proficient in the theory and practice of the

different systems of Agamas being available for employment, suitable persons have to be selected and arrangements made for their instruction in the literature of the respective systems and also for their initiation in all the rites and forms relating to worship and other religious ceremonies concerning mutts and temples, as enjoined by the Sastras and as actually observed in places where the ancient tradition is preserved unimpaired.

5. Government are accordingly pleased to sanction the following arrangements:—

(1) Three persons who have passed with credit the Vidwat Examinations in Naveena-Nyaya and Vedanta, may for the present be selected for undergoing training in Agama Sastras—one for each of the three Agamas, Saiva, Vaikhanasa and Pancharatra. The person selected for undergoing training in Saivagama should have passed the Vidwat Examination in Adwaita—both parts—and those for training in Vaikhanasa and Pancharatra the Vidwat Examination in Visistadwaita—both parts.

(2) The President of the Sanskrit College Committee is requested to select persons who possess these qualifications and who are Mysoreans from among those who passed these Examinations in the last four or five years and report their names and qualifications to Government through the Muzrai Commissioner.

(3) The nominees will be given a scholarship of Rs. 40 per mensem for a year which may be prescribed as the period of their probation and training.

(4) The Board of Sanskrit Studies is requested to prescribe a complete list of books on each of the three systems of Agamas to be studied by the persons under training.

(5) The candidates should pursue their studies systematically and apply to scholars on the staff of the Sanskrit College for the solution of doubts and difficulties felt in the course of their studies and undergo an Examination in the books prescribed. The authorities of the Sanskrit College, Mysore, are requested to arrange for affording this help to the candidates during the period of their training.

(6) The candidates should also receive training in the practice regarding worship and other religious ceremonies as actually in force in some important institutions. They should be required to go to one or more of the following places and stop about a month at each place to study the rites and forms of worship in vogue there:—

SAIVAGAMA.

Mysore	..	..	Trineswaraswami Temple.
		..	Chamundeswari "
Nanjangud	..	..	Nanjundeswaraswami "
Srirangam	..	..	Jambukeswaraswami "
Chidambaram	..	..	Nataraja "
Madura	..	..	Meenakshi "
Rameswaram	..	..	Rameswaraswami "
Conjeevaram	..	..	Kamakshi "

VAIKHANASA.

Mysore	..	..	Lakshmiramanaswami Temple.
Tirupathi	..	..	Venkataramanaswami "
			(3 or 4 other important institutions where this system is followed).
Sri Perambadur		..	Necessary enquiries may be made about the Agamik classes here and if they are efficiently conducted, the students selected may be required to undergo a course in the institution at this place.

PANCHARATRA.

Mysore	..	..	Krishnadevaru Temple.
		..	Varahaswami "
Conjeevaram	..	..	Varadarajaswami "
Melkote	..	..	Narayanaswami "
		..	Narasimhaswami "
Srirangam	..	..	Ranganathaswami "
			(1 or 2 other places where this system is followed).

(7) The Muzrai Commissioner is requested to make arrangements in consultation with the authorities in charge of these institutions to afford to the candidates all the assistance they require for observing and studying the practices prevailing there. The candidates should be required to make notes of points observed by them and also submit brief reports of the work done by them at each place. These reports may be submitted to the scholars on the staff of the Sanskrit College, Mysore, who are requested to help the candidates in studying the prescribed books.

(8) If the performance of the candidates during the period of their training is satisfactory, they will be appointed as teachers of Agamas on Rs. 50—5—100 in the Sanskrit College, Mysore. The permanent men on the staff of the Office of the Muzrai Commissioner or of the College need not be disturbed by the appointment of the new men who may be treated as *extra* until vacancies occur.

6. Government are also of opinion that the younger members of the families of Archaks of large temples should be required to receive training in the Agama Classes at Mysore. With a view to induce them to do so, scholarships may be paid to them. A pass in this course should, after sometime, be prescribed as a condition for employment as Archaks and for drawing the emoluments attached to the places. This condition can, however, be strictly enforced only to cases in which the emoluments of the offices can be considered as sufficient remuneration for the Archaks. In other cases of important institutions with insufficient incomes, it may be necessary to add to the emoluments of the Offices for inducing qualified persons to hold them. These and other connected points may be considered after a sufficient number of candidates are trained and the Agama classes are given a competent staff of teachers.

7. The Muzrai Commissioner is requested to take necessary action in accordance with the foregoing directions and to provide the necessary funds in the Government Muzrai Fund Budget to meet the extra cost involved.

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